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May 13, 2015

Mr. Frank S. Borris II Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-210) 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, D.C. 20590

Re:

Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report

Certain Toyota Vehicles

Dear Mr. Borris:

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.12, attached is a copy of our Foreign Safety Recall/Other Safety Campaign Report for the subject vehicles.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Abbas Saadat Vice President

Vice President

Vehicle Safety & Compliance Liaison Office Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.

**Enclosures** 

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Subject: Driver frontal airbag issue on certain Toyota vehicles

## 1. Vehicle Manufacturer Name:

Toyota Motor Corporation ["TMC"] Toyota Motor Manufacturing France S.A.S ["TMMF"]

#### 2. Involved Vehicles:

Make/ Car Line	Model Year	Country/Region	Action	Production Period	Number of Vehicles
Toyota/ Vitz, Yaris,	*1	Japan, Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, Middle East, Central and South America, Oceania	Safety Recall: Japan, Europe, Australia Other Safety Campaign: Other countries	July, 2003 through December, 2005	Approx. 110,000

<sup>\*1:</sup> Most countries/regions do not use a model year designation.

#### 3. Substantially Similar Vehicles sold in the U.S.:

Model Year/Make/ Car Line:

2003-2005MY Toyota Echo, Scion xA, Scion xB

#### 4. Description of Problem:

The subject vehicles are equipped with driver frontal airbag inflator assemblies with a single-stage inflator (Takata-designated SDI) supplied by Takata Corporation. Such inflators may have been manufactured in such a way as to have a potential for the intrusion of moisture over time due to insufficient air sealing. As a result, they could potentially be susceptible to rupture and the driver front air bag could deploy abnormally in a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the occupant. The relationship of moisture intrusion, if any, to the risk of inflator rupture is not known.

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# 5. Description of Corrective Repair Action:

For all affected vehicles, although there have been no known inflator ruptures, as a precautionary measure, the dealer will replace the driver frontal airbag inflator with a newly manufactured one.

## 6. Determination to Conduct Safety Recall / Other Safety Campaign:

The determination was made by Toyota Motor Corporation;

Date of determination

: May 11, 2015

Date campaign will commence : Early June, 2015

# 7. Reason the similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not involved in this safety recall / other safety campaign:

The above mentioned involved Toyota vehicles sold outside of the U.S. are equipped with driver frontal airbag assemblies with the Takata single stage inflator (Takata-designated SDI) during a particular production period. Substantially similar vehicles sold in the U.S. are not equipped with the affected SDI inflators. The Toyota Echo and Scion models are equipped with inflators produced by a different supplier.